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For: AN AUTOREGULATORY SYSTEM FOR VALIDATING MICROBIAL  
GENES AS POSSIBLE ANTIMICROBIAL TARGETS USING A  
TETRACYCLINE-CONTROLLABLE ELEMENT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested.

In accordance with the continuing duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), enclosed for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of an international search report, with 18 documents listed thereon not already of record in the present matter that are included on the 1449 form and copies of which are provided herewith. Consideration of each of the documents is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

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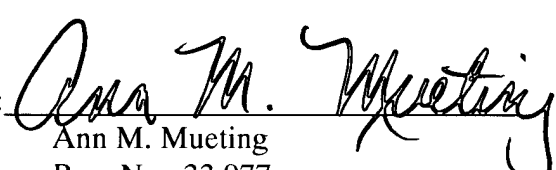
  
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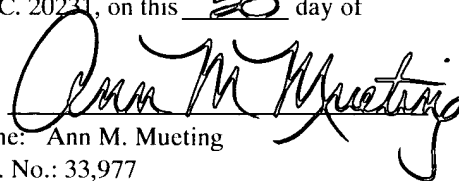
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